IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 - 3, 6, 7, 11 - 13 and 15 - 20 as shown below.

 (Currently amended) A method of executing remote commands on remote computer systems comprising the steps of:

entering a remote command in a <u>local</u> command interface, said command to be executed by said computer systems;

automatically determining each of said computer systems accessibility; and

dispatching said command only to the network computer systems that are determined to be accessible.

- 2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of automatically determining the computer systems accessibility includes the step of pinging each of said computer systems.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2 further including the step of investigating any one of the computer system systems inaccessibility before said step of dispatching said command.
- 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein if a computer system fails to execute the command successfully, the

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> reason for the failure is automatically investigated and corrected.

- (Original) The method of Claim 4 further including the 5. step of automatically re-dispatching the command for execution to a computer system that failed to execute the command successfully and was corrected.
- (Currently amended) A computer program product in a 6. computer readable medium for executing remote commands on remote computer systems comprising:

code means for allowing a remote command to be entered in a local command interface, said command to be executed by said computer systems;

code means for automatically determining each of said computer systems accessibility; and

code means for dispatching said command only to the network computer systems that are determined to be accessible.

(Currently amended) The computer program product of 7. Claim 6 wherein said code means for automatically determining the network computer systems accessibility includes code means for pinging each of said computer systems.

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- 8. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 7 further including code means for investigating any computer system inoperability before dispatching said command.
- 9. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein if a computer system fails to execute the command successfully, the reason for the failure is automatically investigated and corrected.
- 10. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 9 further including code means for automatically redispatching the command for execution to a computer system that failed to execute the command successfully and was corrected.
- 11. (Currently amended) An apparatus for executing remote commands on remote computer systems comprising:

means for entering a remote command in a <u>local</u> command interface, said command to be executed by said computer systems;

means for automatically determining each of said computer systems accessibility; and

means for dispatching said command only to the computer systems that are determined to be accessible.

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- 12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein said means for automatically determining the network computer systems accessibility includes means for pinging each of said computer systems.
- 13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 12 further including means for investigating any computer systems inaccessibility before dispatching said command.
- 14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13 further including means for automatically investigating and correcting a reason for failing to execute the command successfully by a computer system.
- 15. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 14 further including means for of automatically re-dispatching the command for execution to a computer system that failed to execute the command successfully and was corrected.
- 16. (Currently amended) A computer system for executing remote commands on remote network computer systems comprising:
 - at least a memory device for storing data;

at least a processor for allowing a command to be entered in a <u>local</u> command interface, said command to be executed by said network <u>computer</u> systems, for automatically determining each of said network

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computer systems accessibility, and for dispatching said command only to the network computer systems that are determined to be accessible.

- 17. (Currently amended) The computer system of Claim 16 wherein said processor automatically determines the network computer systems operability by pinging each of said network computer systems.
- 18. (Currently amended) The computer system of Claim 16 wherein said at least one processor investigates any network computer system inaccessibility before dispatching said command.
- 19. (Currently amended) The computer system of Claim 18 wherein said at least on processor further investigates and corrects automatically a reason for failing to execute the command successfully by a network computer system.
- 20. (Currently amended) The computer system of Claim 19 wherein the at least one processor further redispatches the command automatically to a network computer system that failed to execute the command successfully and was corrected.

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